

## REMARKS

1. Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. Claim 11 has been added. The Examiner is thanked for pointing out the grammatical and other errors in the claims. Applicants have amended the claims to correct grammatical errors. Other errors, such as referring to a "rear wall" as a "back wall," do not render the claims indefinite, since it is simple to determine which wall is intended. The amendments have therefore been made to conform to the rules of good grammar, rather than for reasons relating to the patent laws. No new matter was added in amending the claims or in adding new Claim 11.

2. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, and 10 are rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,601,070 to Thomas Hotard et al. ("Hotard"), and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,497,760 to Lorne Alden et al. ("Alden"). Applicants have amended Claim 1 to overcome the rejection. The amendment overcomes the rejection because, as seen in Hotard Fig. 1, Hotard teaches exhausting the products of combustion of a burner almost directly into the cooking chamber, while Claim 1 requires the oven to be configured so that the products of combustion are routed into a space between the insulated housing of an oven and the heat conducting liner whose walls define a cooking cavity. The space and the liner are configured so that the products of combustion are not routed directly through the port in the back wall into the cooking chamber, but rather so that the products of combustion enter the cooking chamber through the port only after traversing an outside of at least two additional walls of said liner. Support for the amendment to Claim 1 is found at least in the specification, p. 7, lines 7-15, and also Figs. 1-2, which depict air (arrows) circulating from burners 18 and burner assembly 20, around the outside of the liner side walls 14 and the top liner wall 14, before entering the back side of liner and then being routed through the fan 24. Support for new Claim 11 is found at least in the specification, p. 4, lines 9-12.

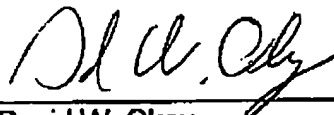
Accordingly, Claim 1 is allowable, because the references do not teach an oven configured so that the products of combustion enter the cooking chamber through a port in a wall only after traversing an outside of at least two additional walls of a liner that lines the cooking cavity. Claims 2, 5, 7, and 10, depending from Claim 1, are also allowable. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, and 10.

3. Claims 3, 4, and 6 are rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,601,070 to Thomas Hotard et al. ("Hotard"), and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,497,760 to Lorne Alden et al. ("Alden"), and U.S. Pat. No. 4,395,233 to Robert Smith et al. ("Smith"). Upon reading the rejection, however, Applicants believe that the Examiner intended to reject Claims 3, 5, and 6. Claims 3, 4, 5 and 6 depend from Claim 1 and are allowable because Claim 1 is allowable.

4. Claims 8 and 9 are rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,601,070 to Thomas Hotard et al. ("Hotard"), and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,497,760 to Lorne Alden et al. ("Alden"), U.S. Pat. No. 4,395,233 to Robert Smith et al. ("Smith"), and U.S. Pat. No. 3,963,410 to Robert Baysinger ("Baysinger"). Claims 8 and 9 are allowable because they depend from allowable Claim 1 or from claims depending from Claim 1.

5. Applicants have shown that the references do not teach or suggest the claims of the present application. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner grant allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this application or would be helpful to the Examiner.

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